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Director's Meeting

HR70-14

Thursday, 20 March 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Hedden, Earman, Col. White

The Director:

a. Noted the item in the Log concerning the article on von Gehlen in the London Daily Express of 17 March 1952.

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b. Referred to the item in the Log concerning [] and stated that we should do everything possible for him and that he knew a number of people connected with the Infante Foundation at Warm Springs in the event assistance might be needed to get [] son treated there. Col. White stated that our legislation on rendering assistance was very poor, however, we could pay for [] hospitalization and probably retain him on the payroll after his sick and annual leave had been used. The DCI said that something should be done to strengthen our legislation in order to fully take care of our overseas people.

c. Directed Mr. Wisner to have Gen. Merrill return to the US not later than 10 April 1952. In this connection, the DCI said he had no objection to Merrill visiting "other places" in the Far East between now and his return.

Mr. Dulles:

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b. Recommended that, ⁱⁿ any talks our people have with Ambassador Schoenfeld no mention be made of the []

c. Left with the Director (1) memorandum on the situation in Guatemala; (2) a report on a meeting with [] discussed at a previous Deputies' meeting; (3) a letter from Hamilton Fish Armstrong. Mr. Dulles asked that the two memoranda and the letter be returned to him after the DCI has seen them.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Gave the Director a list of candidates for the []

b. Noted that General Chennault was in town and wished to see the Director. The DCI said that he wanted to see Mr. Wisner this afternoon about 4 o'clock and possibly he could see Chennault a few minutes about that time.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

c. Noted he would speak to the Director at some length concerning the Russian BW campaign.

Mr. Becker asked if he could bring in Kingman Douglass and another individual some time this afternoon. The DCI approved.

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